

Sinclair Broadcasting's attempt to force their stations to broadcast a political program aimed against the Democratic candidate is a direct threat to our democratic use of the media, electioneering, campaigning and general misuse of the media. This pre-emption of local decision-making by corporate-owned media is a clear example of the danger of media consolidation. Fewer local voices are represented, and accurate, true information may be replaced by a corporate spin on news events. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.